

# FYI

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

**To All of Our Furloughed Friends and their Neighbors:** As I write the FYI on January 21st, I really have no idea whether the Government Shutdown will be over by the time you read this newsletter. I, and the Town Council, certainly hope that everyone is back to work.

However, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone in the Cheverly Community who reached out in many different ways to help their neighbors. I am continually reminded of what a wonderful neighborhood we live in. Our residents are always willing to jump in to help.

Reaching out to help people is a trademark of Cheverly, whether it is Furloughed Federal Employees, families in need, Afghan Refugee families, or simply local schools. Cheverly is an amazing town and Cheverlians are amazing people.

**Let's Chat About Code Enforcement:** Recently there was a conversation in town about Peeling Paint, which brought about discussions around town about Code Enforcement. I think it is important to stress that the Town's goal when it comes to Code Enforcement is compliance, not to generate revenue.

The process of code enforcement is that when a violation of town code is identified the code enforcement writes a Notice of Violation and posts it

on a resident's door. Each Notice of Violation, has a date by which the violation must be addressed. It is the town's goal that the violation is remediated by that date and no fine is required.

Of course there are always times when, for reasons outside the resident's control, the violation can not be addressed in the timeframe on the Notice of Violation.

When this occurs, the Town is willing to work with a resident. If the resident contacts the Code Enforcement Officer or the Town Administrator and outlines the issues and provides a reasonable timeframe it is my experience that staff will work with a resident in regards to the end date.

To re-emphasize, we are working to gain compliance not to generate fines.

*Hey Mike, What's with the Peeling Paint violations?* Peeling Paint violations can be generated at any time throughout the year. However over the years town staff has tried to issue them in January and February providing an extended date into June for remediation, so that residents can plan appropriately and get the job done.

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*Hey Mike, How come I got a violation and that other person didn't?* This is the most common complaint I get, why is code enforcement inconsistent? This is hard to address, since what some residents recognize the code enforcement officer might not see. However, our code enforcement officer attempts to be as even as possible when applying the town code.

Occasionally, code violations are generated because of neighbor complaints. (Yes, this definitely happens.) When the code enforcement officer receives a complaint, he will visit the property to determine if there is a violation. He also reviews the neighboring 10 or so properties, to determine if the same violation also exists. This is our attempt to enforce the code evenly.

*Hey Mike, I hear the Council is going to review the Grass Policy?* Last year the town issued over 200 grass notices of violations which resulted in fewer than 20 fines. Today, town policy is to issue a notice of violation and then provide 10 days to remediate. Since a notice of violation is not issued until grass reaches eight inches tall and grass continues to grow over the next ten days. This is why some residents "ask why is their grass so high?"

One aspect of the current grass policy is that the code enforcement officer has the authority to fine a repeat offender immediately, and still issue a notice of violation requesting remediation. This causes confusion to some residents, and some residents were curious about why they were categorized as a repeat offender.

Given this confusion, Councilwoman Riazi made the following suggestion. Our code needs to require the specific conditions for when and immediate fine can be assessed. Her suggestions is that a resident must have already received two notices of violations in the same calendar year.

*Hey Mike, I hear the Code Enforcement Officer has Quotas he has to meet?* Really? There are absolutely no quotas associated with code enforcement or any other aspect of town government. On average the town grosses approximately \$2,500 dollars per year from all fines this is a very small amount in a five million dollar budget. We simply ask that our Code Enforcement Officer do the best job possible enforcing the town's code.

**The Budget is Coming, The Budget is Coming:** Well folks, February is the time of year when I start addressing the up-

coming budget. I am very happy to say that once again the Town is in excellent financial condition as we finished FY18 with a fund balance of approximately three million dollars.

As always, I must mention that good accounting principles require the town to have a minimum of 25% of annual operating expenses in the fund balance. Therefore, approximately one million of the three million dollar fund balance is spoken for. However, I must congratulate this council, previous councils and town staff for building the fund balance from approximately 650K in 2007 to today's three million dollar fund balance.

This was accomplished by adhering to a series of three year plans that are centered around the property tax assessments. Last year, was year one. If you recall property tax assessments rose significantly. In response the Town Council lowered the town tax rate from .54 to .51 cents. This action kept resident's overall tax bills stable, or maybe even slightly reduced. This also meant that town revenues from property tax remained stable.

During last year's discussions the Town Council planned on keeping the Tax Rate stable this year at .51, the result of which is that resident's tax bills will increase based on the increased assessments. Obviously, as we build the FY19 Budget we will review this assumption in light of revenues, expenses and capital expenditures. Stay tuned as these discussions continue.

**Check Out the Budget On-Line:** As I was shopping at the Thanksgiving Community Market a resident stopped me to ask, "Why can't we view the Town Budget online?" After eight years as Mayor this is the first time someone asked, and to be frank I had no rational answer. The budget is a critical document that outlines our revenues and expenses. On the following Monday, I asked the Town Administrator to place the FY19 Budget on the website. I am happy to say that the FY19 budget is now on-line and we will continue to improve the financial information available to residents.

Town Council Initiates Nationwide Search for Town Administrator: The Town Council voted at the January 10th meeting to hire the Mercer firm to initiate a nationwide search for a new town administrator. The search will be administered by David Deutsch who is currently our Interim Town Administrator. The council believes that having David run the search is a big advantage as he has become familiar with the Town Council, residents, our strengths and our issues.

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David is interviewing each council member as well as holding a community meeting to identify skills, traits and talents that the town would like to see in the new administrator. David will produce a brochure describing the town and distribute through ICMA, MML and other channels. Of course, if any town resident is interested in applying they are certainly welcome.

Update on the Ethics Committee: Interim Town Administrator Deutsch has been working with our town attorney to ensure that the town is current on all aspects of the state's ethics laws. Our existing code was update lasted spring to ensure that it was up to date, and our previous town administrator had worked to provide the appropriate paperwork to the State Ethics Committee through 2017.

At this point, the council is working to appoint or re-appoint members of the committee. At this time the code allows for six members on the committee, one member for each ward in town. In the January worksession there will be a discussion as to whether to add a position so that there is an odd number of individuals allotting a slot for the mayor to appoint.

**Air Quality Monitoring Update:** As discussed in previous newsletters the town has pursued a proposal with the University of Maryland to implement air quality monitors around the periphery of the town. This initiative was the outcome of a meeting between the community, the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) and the Smith & Sons Company regarding the implementation of new equipment at the Smith site. While Smith and Sons stated that the new equipment will actually reduce particulate matter, the Cheverly residents advocated for better air quality measurement data from MDE.

MDE was unable to provide the type of data required so the Town agreed to identify if there were other ways to acquire the data. Fortunately, Dr Wilson from the University of Maryland has worked with other communities to provision and monitor air quality data and has provided a proposal for the town and the surrounding communities.

The Town Council will review the proposal, which should cost less than \$25,000, in the January worksession to determine whether to move forward.

## Cheverly Municipal Election Monday, May 6, 2019 (7am-8pm)

### Candidates for Town Council must be

- ◆ At least 21 years of age
- ◆ A citizen of the United States
- ◆ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ◆ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months
- ◆ A resident of the ward from which they are elected (at least 45 days before the date of the election)

**Filing instructions for candidates:** Filing forms may be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) call 301-773-8360. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Office no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 22, 2019.

**Note: Pictures & Profiles of the candidates are run in the April Newsletter. They should be submitted with the nominating petition by Friday, March 22, 2019. Any additional information regarding profiles and pictures can be found on the Cheverly website: [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov)**

### TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS

*Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted*

#### ACTIONS TAKEN

##### Town Meeting - Jan 10, 2019

- Ordinance 19-01 and 19-02 Introduced: Revising Purchasing Procedures—Revises Bid Limit to \$10,000
- Ordinance 19-03 Introduced: Personnel (Holidays) Decouples Town Holidays from Federal Holidays
- Ratified Interim Town Administrator Agreement and Extended Agreement to February 28, 2019
- Approve Search Consultant Contract with The Mercer Group, Inc

##### Work Session - Jan 17, 2019

- Reviewed Candidates for Ward 2 Vacancy.  
*Council Deadlocked 3-3 following 5 Votes*
- Adopted an Emergency Ordinance to Regulate Small Cell 5G Wireless Devices

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- Town Meeting - Feb 14, 2019
- Approval of Air Quality Monitoring Proposal

### RECYCLING TOTALS - December 2018

Curb Recycling - 41.32 tons  
Electronic Recycling - 0  
Appliances - 0





*Message from the Acting Chief*  
Jarod J. Towers  
([policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov))

### **School Bus Safety & Distracted Driving:**

As I mentioned in January's newsletter, vehicles have been running school bus signals, endangering the safety of our children. Over the last few weeks, officers have made several traffic stops for these violations, most of which occurred because the driver was distracted by a cell phone or by other means. Please remember that not only is it illegal to use a handheld telephone while a motor vehicle is in motion, but it is also extremely dangerous and inconsiderate of our fellow residents. A driver who is distracted by a telephone, a gps, applying makeup, etc., is a danger to themselves, our community, and our children, who often assume the road is safe when their bus is stopped with its red lights flashing.

### **Armed Subjects, January 16<sup>th</sup> (19-0003105 & 19-0003125):**

Due to the initial crimes occurring elsewhere in Prince George's County, PGPD is handling the investigation to identify two of the three suspects who were not apprehended. As soon as information becomes available, I will relay that information to the community.

### **Emergency Notification System:**

I want the community to know that implementing an emergency text messaging notification system was on my radar before the events of January 16<sup>th</sup>, and the department is currently evaluating four different solutions. There are many different options to consider in identifying a solution that best fits the needs of the community, including ensuring that residents who are hearing and/or vision impaired, or who do not speak English, also receive these important notifications. I am hopeful to have a system in place by April 1st.

### **School Safety & Communications:**

I believe it is incumbent upon us, as community leaders, to foster communication that ensures the safety of our community. Following the events of January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Cheverly Police Department (CPD) has scheduled a meeting with the leaders of our schools here in Cheverly, to include the Cheverly United Methodist Church's Weekday Nursery and Stem Programs, to discuss communications and emergency preparedness. Following our discussions, the Cheverly Police Department will be training within each of these facilities to familiarize all officers with building layouts, emergency plans, and

school staff. If any member of the community has ideas or concerns that should be added to our agenda, please email me as soon as possible at [jtowers@cheverlypolice.org](mailto:jtowers@cheverlypolice.org) or [policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov).

### **Newly Appointed Detective:**

On Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, interested officers participated in a selection process that consisted of an evaluation of the individual officer's ability and organizational skills, as well as an oral board interview. Patrolman First Class Andrew Kvech was selected and appointed to Detective on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. In his new role as Detective, Kvech will be investigating crimes committed within the town, as well conducting background checks on applicants for both sworn and civilian positions within the department. Having a full time Detective will enable the department to not only solve crimes but follow up on investigations where evidence later presents itself (e.g., assaults where bruises and signs of injury appear after the fact). Detective Kvech has already attended one of numerous trainings to ensure that he is prepared to serve the community's needs regardless of the situation. Those trainings include but are not limited to:

Interdiction for the Protection of Children, Interview and Interrogation, Background Investigations, Internal Affairs, and Investigative Report Writing.

### **Departmental Accident Update (January 14<sup>th</sup>):**

As a result of the departmental vehicle accident that occurred on January 14<sup>th</sup>, departmental vehicle #858 has been declared a total loss. The department is working with the town's insurance company to replace the vehicle. Just to clarify, a departmental accident is any accident involving a town vehicle.

### **Coffee with the Chief:**

Every third Wednesday of each month we host Coffee with the Chief. The next event will be on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to 10 am. Please stop in, have a cup of coffee, voice your concerns, ask questions, or just come meet me and your police officers. We are eager to meet you!

### **Police Chief's Advisory Board (PCAB):**

PCAB still has several openings. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your community, please contact PCAB at [cheverlypcab@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlypcab@gmail.com) and/or attend the next meeting, on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

Please remember, I can be reached at [jtowers@cheverlypolice.org](mailto:jtowers@cheverlypolice.org) or [policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov).

One team, One mission, Team Cheverly!

**Crime Report for DECEMBER 2018**

\*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks

12/3/2018	0903	hrs	Theft from Auto	5500 Columbia Park Rd
12/4/2018	2311	hrs	Vandalism	2400 59 <sup>th</sup> Pl
12/9/2018	2130	hrs	B&E (Commercial)	5600 Columbia Park Rd
12/10/2018	0940	hrs	Theft (over \$1000)	5800 Annapolis Rd
12/12/2018	1746	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	5800 Annapolis Rd
12/16/2018	1500	hrs	Theft from Auto	6400 Forest Rd
12/21/2018	0805	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
12/23/2018	0603	hrs	Theft from Auto	6500 Oak St
12/23/2018	1344	hrs	Theft from Auto	Oak St & Hillside Ave
12/23/2018	1535	hrs	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)	1800 62 <sup>nd</sup> Ave
12/24/2018	0837	hrs	Assault Domestic	6200 Lombard St
12/26/2018	0625	hrs	Vandalism	5800 Annapolis Rd
12/27/2018	1212	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	5700 Euclid St
12/28/2018	1930	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	5600 Hawthorne St
12/29/2018	2015	hrs	Assault Domestic	6500 Landover Rd

**THE PATROL TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE 24**

**HOURS PER DAY!! SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL TELEPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE: 301-789-5090**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS –  
Police Emergency**

**9-1-1**

**Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch (301) 352-1200**

**Cheverly Police Office (9am – 5pm) (301) 341-1055**

**Cheverly Police Facsimile (301) 341-0176**

**Cheverly Photo Enforcement (240) 770-7641**

**Alley Cat Towing (Towing Vendor) (301) 864-0323**

**Cheverly Investigators (301) 789-7743**

**Want a safe place to conduct an internet transaction?**

**Don't want to conduct an internet transaction at your residence?**

**A space in front of the Cheverly Community Center, near the police department, has been designated for transactions.**

**It is a neutral site and it is under video surveillance . Look for the sign along the curb to park and conduct transactions.**



## Residential ZONE Parking Permits

- You must have Vehicle Registration (registered to Cheverly address) to register your vehicle
- Parking Permits cost \$5 / 1 Guest Parking Permit allowed per residence at no cost.
- \$2 for an additional Guest Parking Permit (*maximum of 2 guest permits per residence*)

If you live in one of the following zones, you will need a parking permit:

Zone 1: State Street, 61st & 62nd Avenues, as well as the 1800 Block of 64th Avenue.

Zone 2: **ELIMINATED**

Zone 3: 22-2400 blocks of Cheverly Avenue

Zone 4: Arbor, Crestlawn, [22-2300 blks Parkway] (**ELIMINATED**)

Zone 5: 2300 block of Belleview

Zone 6: Benton Road; 23-2500 Blocks of Lake

Zone 7: 2400 block of Valley Way

Zone 8: 3300 Belleview; Medical Terrace [Lockwood Road, 5600blk Jason, 32-3300blk Tremont] (**ELIMINATED**)

SR: The odd side of the 2200 Block of Cheverly Avenue

[This permit allows senior citizens 65 years of age or older to park their car in this area in order to utilize Metro].

Residential Parking Permits are displayed on the BACK LEFT bumper area.

If you have a regular zone permit and a SR permit display them next to each other on the back left bumper.

Guest Parking Permits shall be hung on Rear View mirror with information facing outward.

Citations may be issued to any vehicle not in compliance with Town Code 27-5.1: "Residential Zone Parking"  
If you should have any questions, please contact the Photo Enforcement Unit at 240-770-7641.

**To apply for a Residential Zone Parking Permit by mail, please provide the following information AND a copy of your vehicle's registration\* and return this form with payment.**

\* If you have obtained a *Non-Resident Permit* from MVA, you MUST send a copy of that permit along with your request.

Number of Permits: _____	(x \$5.00)	\$ _____
(attach copy(s) of registration(s))		
Guest Pass ( <u>one free</u> per residence) <input type="checkbox"/>	(free)	\$ _____ free
One additional guest pass: <input type="checkbox"/>	(\$2.00)	\$ _____
(maximum of 2 passes per residence)		
TOTAL DUE:		\$ _____
Make checks or money orders payable to:		
Town of Cheverly		
(Please do NOT send cash in the mail)		
Mail to: <u>Cheverly Police Zone Parking, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785</u>		



## Winter Weather Reminders:



### Snow Parking Restrictions

27-10 (Snow Parking Restrictions)

- (b) A snow emergency shall exist whenever snow has accumulated on the streets of the town to a depth of one (1) inch or more.
- (c) During a snow emergency no person shall cause or allow any vehicle or automobile to be left or parked on the streets as follows:
  - (1) On the cul-de-sac portion of any street
  - (2) On any court.
  - (3) On the odd numbered side of 59th Avenue and that portion of Inwood Street between Cheverly Avenue and Bellevue Avenue
  - (4) On the even numbered side of all other streets; and
  - (5) On any street except at the curb pursuant to this section.
- (d) The snow emergency parking restrictions outlined above do not:
  - (1) Override existing no-parking zones
  - (2) Authorize parking where it is prohibited;
  - (3) Apply to those streets or parts of streets where enforcement of this snow emergency ordinance would disallow all parking on the particular street or portion of street because of a no-parking zone on the side of the street where a car should park pursuant to subsection (c) above
- (e) The parking provisions during a snow emergency shall be effective without any notification and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed; provided, however, that when snow shall accumulate to a depth of one (1) inch or more after 11:00 p.m., The parking provisions in a snow emergency shall not be effective until 7:00 a.m. the day following and shall remain in effect until the streets are plowed.

### Side Walk Policy

18-4.1—Sidewalks

Whenever snow accumulates to a depth of one inch or more, it is the duty of each occupant to clear the snow from the sidewalk adjacent to that property, within 12 hours after the snow ceases, (unless at night, in which case it shall be removed within 12 hours after sunrise). Snow and ice removed from sidewalks shall NOT be deposited on streets or other sidewalks. When ice forms on sidewalks, occupant shall place sand, ashes or other such material on sidewalks within 6 hours, (unless at night, in which case it can be spread by noon of the next day). Icy spots on public property can be reported to Public Works at 301-773-2666.

**Remember: The reasons for these restrictions is to assist the Department of Public Works in Safely and Quickly clearing the roads and to make sure that pedestrians have a safe place to walk. Violations may result in fines of \$50.00.**

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee  
February Monthly Meeting  
Monday, February 4, 2019 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Location: Large Conference Room, Cheverly  
Community Center

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

## **GREEN @ HOME -- Light the Ground, Not the Sky**

The Town of Cheverly has been talking with Pepco about converting Cheverly's street lights to money and energy-saving LED lighting. We have been assured that any street lamps Pepco installs will also be dark-sky friendly.

The advantages of dark-sky lighting apply to your home outdoor lighting as well as street lighting. We can light the ground, not the sky.

**What is light pollution?** Artificial lighting is essential to our modern way of life. But light pollution can be harmful to wildlife, the environment, and human health. Light pollution comes from too much light being scattered into the sky by the lights around our homes, offices, shopping centers, ball fields, streets, highways, and other developed areas. Dark-sky lighting can reduce light pollution.

**What is dark-sky lighting?** Lighting approved by the International Dark-Sky Initiative (IDA) includes shielded light fixtures, energy-efficient lights (for example, those using light-emitting diodes or LEDs) of reduced brightness, appropriate color wavelength, and motion-detection activated lights.

**Dark-sky lighting may allow us to see more of our universe.** Most people living in or near cities never see the Milky Way or most stars and planets because

of light pollution.

**Dark-sky lighting is better for wildlife and ecosystems.** Many species of insects, including beneficial insect species, are drawn to bright lights at night, become mesmerized and, rather than finding mates and reproducing, they end up dying at the light. Excessive lighting along coastlines has led to the death of baby sea turtles who run towards the artificial lighting rather than the ocean after hatching. Migrating birds evolved to rely on the night sky to direct their annual migrations are distracted by the abundance of artificial lighting along their migration routes. That can be fatal. The reproductive activities of frogs are also impaired by artificial lighting around wetlands.

**Dark-sky lighting is better for safety.** More light is better for safety, right? Not really. Studies have shown that the best lighting to protect you and your property is motion-activated lighting that comes on when a visitor or intruder enters an area and then goes off after a period of time. Flooding your property with excess light has actually been shown to help criminals see your property.

**Dark-sky lighting is better for human health.** Health impacts of excessive nighttime lighting include alteration of natural biological rhythms, reduced sleep time, dissatisfaction with sleep quality, nighttime awakenings, sleepiness, impaired daytime functioning, and obesity. The American Medical Association encourages using properly shielded outdoor lighting, considering controls that can dim or extinguish light at night, and limiting the color temperature of outdoor lighting when converting to LED lamps.

**Dark-sky lighting saves energy.** Lighting that is excessive for an area, is too bright, emits light into the sky, or shines when and where it's not needed is wasteful. Wasted energy from outdoor lighting has been estimated at up to \$3.3 billion and 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year!

Learn more about the advantages of dark-sky lighting – along with links to practical ideas from the International Dark-Sky Initiative -- at [www.greencheverly.org](http://www.greencheverly.org).

# Community Bulletin Board

## Thank you for supporting the Cheverly Community Market!

While the Cheverly Community Market's 2018 season has ended, the Market Board will continue to work to make the Market even more delicious next year. A huge thank you to our community of vendors who are the heartbeat of the Market and to our shoppers who make buying local a priority. Please continue to stay in touch by following the Market on social media. Have an idea or suggestion? Send us your feedback at [cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com).

Web: [www.cheverlycommunitymarket.org](http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.org)

Facebook: Cheverly Community Market

Instagram: @CheverlyCommunityMarket

Twitter: @CheverlyMarket

## Cheverly Recreation Council

The February meeting Thursday 26th at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Building. The topic of discussion will be the April 6th Flea Market. Reservations start Monday, March 4th, tables are \$15. Call Barbara, 301-773-5883.

**Cheverly Garden Club** - Our meeting in February on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> (President's Day) will be a business meeting to prepare us for the coming year's activities. We are planning to have a table at the Spring Flea Market on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Since we have had this cold, wet weather we should have plenty of merchandise for sale from cleaning out our homes. All of this will be great to share. On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Plant Sale. If there is something you wish to donate for the sale, let a member know for pick up. We have a good reputation for saving and restoring indoor plants for the plant sale. It is time to start seeds inside and they can be purchased at local nurseries. February can be a good month to plant spinach, peas, and onion sets. What a wonderful time to share the experience with children. BE CAREFUL with snow removal, use either potassium chloride or magnesium chloride products mixed with sand to save grass, plants and the walks.

## CHEVERLY FREE BOOTCAMP!

Did you know a convenient, motivating, and FREE exercise option exists in Town? Join Cheverly Free Bootcamp for community-led workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. We meet at the Community Center. Please use the back double doors near the basketball courts.

Bring water, hand weights, mat, and jump rope if you have them!

"Community-led" means members of the group volunteer to lead the workouts. People of all levels of experience are welcome and all workouts are scalable.

Cheverly Bootcamp has a Facebook group: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/384086741947300?ref=bookmarks>

and a Google Group-- search for Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp and join!

## SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

**Sec. 4-10 (a)** It shall be unlawful for a person controlling an animal, except a seeing eye dog, to allow or permit solid waste of such animal to remain on the property of any other person without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof; or on such public properties as are prohibited by order of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly. Prohibited areas are sidewalks, Gast Park, American Legion Park, Boyd Park, & play areas of all other parks.



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Join Us for the

*7th Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball  
Potluck Dinner-Dance featuring the music of Dino  
& Friends!*

**Friday, February 8, 2019 7:00 to 11:00 pm**

Fannon Hall, St. Ambrose Church, 3107 63rd Ave, Cheverly,  
MD 20785

Benefitting *Sasha Bruce Youthwork* and  
*St. Ambrose Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul*

**Tickets are \$25/person or \$200/table of 10. Tax deductible.**

Reserve your tickets or make a donation online at

<https://tinyurl.com/sweetheartcharityball2019>

Pay for your tickets online at

<https://sweetheartcharityball.wufoo.com/forms/7th-annual-sweetheart-charity-ball/>

This potluck dinner/dance features the great music of Cheverly's own Dino (Efantis) & Friends (swing, samba, waltz, and more!)

Free swing dance lesson at 7:15 pm.

At the event, you may purchase beautiful pottery by Liz Lescault and lovely jewelry by Fecha for your Valentine or loved ones, and there will be a 50-50 raffle.

This local anti-human trafficking initiative of St. Ambrose this year benefits Promise Place, a new emergency shelter in nearby Capitol Heights (run by Sasha Bruce) that helps homeless youth, including those who've experienced or are at-risk of trafficking or sexual exploitation. It also benefits St. Ambrose's St. Vincent de Paul chapter, helping local people in need of food and rent assistance.

More information: Email chairperson Ilona Horchler at [sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com](mailto:sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com).

Pay or donate by mail by sending a check payable to St. Ambrose Ladies of Charity to Ilona Horchler, [2E Plateau Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770](#).



The Cheverly Recreation Council is a proud sponsor of the John Dent Wilson Scholarship. Every year we award three \$500.00 college scholarships. The scholarship is judged on a point system criteria with the highest points given to volunteering in Cheverly Community activities. Below are the new/updated requirements for the scholarship. The deadline for application submission is May 31, 2019. Please email [judydeleon@aol.com](mailto:judydeleon@aol.com) for application information.

1. Must be a full time college freshman in the fall of 2019.
2. Must volunteer in at least one Cheverly Recreation Council sponsored activity in the past 12 months:
  - Halloween party/parade
  - Holiday party
  - Easter egg hunt



## Cheverly American Legion Post 108

The Cheverly American Legion family is a vibrant and growing group of veterans and family who share an interest in supporting veterans, military service members and their families,

**Membership** - 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. Remember to renew your membership or ask about how to join. Membership is critically important. Just being a member helps support our lobbying efforts to improve the VA healthcare system, and local and state Veteran's services. Volunteers are also greatly needed and appreciated, even non-member volunteers are welcome.

**Super Bowl LIII in the Dugout** - Sunday February 3. Come enjoy the Super Bowl at Post 108 and bring the whole family. Upstairs will be a separate children's play and eating area with sitters. \$5 per child. The post will provide the basics, we ask you to bring a dish, appetizer or dessert to share. The game will be on television both upstairs and in the Dugout. The Dugout will open at 4pm and the sitters will be available beginning at 5:30pm.

**Second Friday St. Ambrose Men's Club Game Night** – Friday, February 8, 8 p.m. Join the Cheverly American Legion and St. Ambrose Men's Club for pool, darts, and cards. This is a great evening to learn a little bit more about both of these great Cheverly groups.

**Ladies' Night at the Legion** - Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. Ladies' night is a staple of fun in the Dugout. There's always special drinks available based on the night's theme. Adult (over 21) ladies - & men - are welcome.

**Board Game Night** - Thursday, February 28, 8 p.m. Work together in Pandemic or turn against a fellow Cheverly neighbor in Game of Thrones. The Dugout is opened up to the public every fourth Thursday of the month for board game fun!

**Cub Scout Pack 257 and Scout Troop 257** - This year's Pinewood Derby will be on January 27 at noon. Come on out and cheer for your favorite scout and their cars. Our scout units are still looking for young ladies to become scouts and adult ladies to become leaders. Former leaders are especially welcome.

**March 15-17**, St. Patrick's Day weekend. Ladies Night March 15 - wear your green and sip on green drinks. And on Sunday March 17, the SAL promises a meal with Irish Stew!

**Girls State (June 16-21) and Boys State (June 23-28) Candidates** American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun one week summer program. Contact [cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com) or [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com) for sponsorship and scholarship information. Apply online at <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org>.

**Clothing Donations.**  
**Thank you for your support of our winter coats for veterans drive.**  
**We now have a used clothing drop off in our parking lot. You can drop off any used clothing any time.**

**Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership** (\$35/year): The American Legion is open to men and women who are serving or have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during times of war. Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements at [CheverlyAmericanLegion.com](http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.com) or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Upcoming meetings:

Monday, February 4, 7:30 p.m. – Executive committee

Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. – General membership

**Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108 Membership** (\$25/year; Jr. \$5/year): The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many women whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. If you are interested in joining or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com).

Upcoming meetings:

Monday, January 28, 7 p.m. – Executive committee

Monday, February 4, 7:30 p.m. - General membership

**Sons of the American Legion Membership** (\$20/year): The SAL is made up of men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents (including adopted and stepsons) served in the United States military and who are eligible for membership in the American Legion. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend the general meeting. For meeting dates and times or more information, please email [cheverlysquadroncommander@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlysquadroncommander@gmail.com).

# Community Bulletin Board



## We Don't Do It Alone

Cheverly Village's volunteers aim to help Village members to "age in motion." However, as dedicated and resourceful as our more than 70 volunteers are, we do not do this alone.

With the first heavy snowfall of 2016, right after we launched as Cheverly Village, we recognized how important the Cheverly Police Department (CPD) can be in helping senior residents feel secure in our homes. Through its Elder Watch program, the CPD offers twice-monthly friendly visits in seniors' homes. Such visits can provide a valuable measure of safety during periods when a resident may be snowed in or facing an electrical outage or other emergency. But the value goes beyond just emergency support. Acting Chief Jarod Towers explains, "Several of the officers have formed real friendships. Officially, their job is just to visit for about 30 minutes, but they often stay and visit for much longer than that. The officers, especially the younger ones, really like the opportunity to get to know an older person and learn about earlier times and other places." Towers added, "Unfortunately, many residents who might benefit from Elder Watch don't know about the program."

If you would like to be included in Elder Watch, please call the Cheverly Police Department at 301-341-1055 or email [PoliceChief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:PoliceChief@cheverly-md.gov). Acting Chief Towers also invites residents to let CPD know about relatives or neighbors who might benefit from Elder Watch. A police officer would then stop by and explain that, if they would like to participate, they would receive two visits per month—once during the first ten days of the month, and once toward the end of the month, and that they also would receive a visit during snow storms.

In addition, any resident can sign up to have the Cheverly Police watch your house while you are away. Just fill out the House Watch Form, which can be found via the "frequently asked questions" link at the bottom of the CPD page on the Town website or even simply by calling the CPD at the number above.

In past issues of this newsletter we have recalled some of the many other partnerships that Cheverly Village gratefully depends on. It's clear to us that "it takes a village" to enable us Cheverlians to feel happy and secure in our homes and actively engaged in our community as we age. That's "village" spelled with both a small "v" and a capital "V"!

Please call or write us to find out how to be a member, a volunteer, or a supporter of Cheverly Village: 240-770-1033, [Village@CheverlyVillage.org](mailto:Village@CheverlyVillage.org).

-- Diane La Voy, for the Cheverly Village Board

## **Leaf Collection Schedule**

### **February 1**

**Bellevue Ave. 2804-2815**  
**Bellevue Ave. 3001-3500**  
**Medical Terrace 5901-5905**  
**Cheverly Ave. 2800-3510 (even)**  
**Cheverly Ave. 2801-3411 (odd)**

### **February 5**

**Forest Rd. 5900-6010 (even)**  
**Greenleaf Rd. 5700-5812 (even)**  
**Greenleaf Ct.**  
**Hawthorne St. 6000-6025**  
**Inwood St. 6006-6031**

### **February 7**

**Inwood St. 5600-5615**  
**Jason St. 5600-5716**  
**Lockwood Rd. 5600-5907**  
**Kilmer St. 6000-6021**  
**Lake Ave. 3001-3122**

### **February 8**

**Landover Rd. 5611-6005 (odd)**  
**Monroe St. 5625-5627 (odd)**  
**Monroe St. 5702-5714**  
**Newton St. 5518-5614 (even)**  
**Newton St. 5700-5809**  
**Quincy St. 5543-5545 (odd)**  
**57th Ave. 3501-3507 (odd)**  
**58th Pl. 3600-3605**

### **February 12**

**57th Ave. 2500-2607**  
**Carlyle St. 5703-5835**  
**Crest Ave. 2500-2824**  
**Dewey St. 5800-5841**  
**Crest Ave. 3000-3215**  
**Tremont Ave. 2900-3307**

### **February 21**

**Euclid St. 5700-5735**  
**Forest Rd. 5700-5721**  
**Greenleaf Road 5601-5625**  
**Greenleaf Road 5701-5809 (odd)**  
**Hawthorne St. 5600-5622**  
**56th Pl. 2902-2907**

### **February 22**

**Benton Rd. 5900-5901**  
**Bellevue Ave. 2300-2358 (even)**  
**Bellevue Ave. 2301-2351 (odd)**  
**Euclid St. 5901-6012**

### **February 26**

**Laurel Avenue 2800-3141**  
**Kilmer St. 6100-6220**  
**62nd Place One Way Alley**  
**Landover Rd. 6101-6205 (odd)**

**END OF 2ND COMPLETE CYCLE  
OF TOWN**

**March 4 -March 15 Entire Town**

**No Vacuum Collections on Mon-  
days, Wednesdays and Federal Holi-  
days.**

**Please do not block sidewalks or the  
streets with you leaves.**

**If delayed due to equipment failures  
or inclement weather, and you need  
to know when we will start up again  
call public works at 301-773-2666 or  
email at:  
[publicworksdirector@cheverly.md-gov](mailto:publicworksdirector@cheverly.md-gov).**

# Community Bulletin Board

## Progressive Cheverly

Next Forum: Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Progressive Cheverly has been supporting democracy from the ground up since 2005. We focus on several main areas, including: *education* on key issues; *advocacy* with local, state and federal legislators; and *collaboration* with local coalitions on progressive issues like the environment, health care, civil rights and government reform. Progressive Cheverly focuses on helping to *empower* our residents to effect *positive change* for our community.

Progressive Cheverly's mission is to promote economic fairness, social justice, basic human rights, civil liberties, a sustainable environment, a tolerant society and world peace through a more informed political dialogue and active participation in civil society and the democratic political process. Its work is guided by three main principles: 1) A fair and sustainable economy and livable communities; 2) Democracy and social justice; and 3) Real security and peace. To learn more about these principles, go to [progressivecheverly.org](http://progressivecheverly.org) and click on "Mission & Principles" under the "For Members" submenu.

Progressive Cheverly holds regular forums on the first Thursday of the month to provide information and education on key issues. Please join us on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm as we engage on the topic of community policing. Light refreshments and ASL interpretation provided. Look for more details in next month's town newsletter, on the Cheverly Exchange, and on Facebook. All are welcome.

Like Progressive Cheverly on Facebook. To join Progressive Cheverly or contribute, go online to [progressivecheverly.org](http://progressivecheverly.org)

## TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO WINDER STORMS:

- \* When weather makes it unsafe to operate the trash trucks on the streets, collection may be temporarily suspended.

Back or side door pickups **WILL NOT**  
Be made when heavy snow conditions  
Prevail. **Please bring you trash to the**



President Day  
Fed. 18, 2018  
Offices Closed  
No Trash Pickup

When filling out your **MARYLAND TAX RETURN**, Please remember to fill in the **COUNTY AND CITY** boxes just under your address label. It is important that you print in **CHEVERLY** as your city, so that the town gets its correct share of Maryland Income Taxes.

# Community Bulletin Board

## Woman's Club-History project

It has been 100 years since the founding of the Cheverly Woman's Club and we are researching and highlighting some of the amazing women who founded the Club and those who provided significant leadership over the years. This Black History Month, we have selected three African-American women to honor: Dorothy McClain Thomas, Thelma Robinson, and State Senator Gwendolyn T. Britt.

### **Civil servant and civic leader – Dorothy McClain Thomas**

Mrs. Thomas is best known in Cheverly for her twelve years on the Town Council, representing Ward 4. She was the first African American woman to serve on the Council. She was born in South Carolina but moved to the District of Columbia at a young age. After graduation from high school and the Washington Technical Institute, she took a job with the DC government, where she worked for 28 years.

She and her husband, Thurman McClain, moved to Cheverly with their growing family in 1959. Their children integrated Cheverly Tuxedo Elementary School. She was raising three children and working full time but she still found time to become active in community affairs and town politics.

One of Mrs. Thomas' first projects on the Town Council was to raise the money for repair of the Columbia Park Road Bridge. This ended the long detour through Fairmont Heights to get to the rest of Cheverly.

Her volunteer and political efforts continue after her move back to South Carolina with her second husband, Don Thomas, in 2003.

### **Mathematician and Geoscientist – Thelma Robinson**

Mrs. Robinson was born in 1928 in Murphy, Mississippi. She earned her bachelor's degree from Tugaloo College, in Mississippi, her master of science degree at Howard University, and did further study at George Washington University. She has established the Thelma Cooley Robinson Scholarship for Mathematics and Science at Tugaloo.

In her early career, she taught mathematics at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona, Florida and at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. She was soon hired by the Federal Government where she worked for 32 years. Her final position was Head of Research and Development for the Defense Mapping Agency, where she led a team of mathematicians and astronomers. Through her work, she got to know other government mathematicians, including some of the women we know from their depiction in 'Hidden Figures.'

Meanwhile, she was raising two children, Roscoe and Sheila, in their Cheverly home. She worked with the Cheverly Cub Scouts, providing activities each month with a focus on math and science. Her husband, also Roscoe, worked for the U.S. Department of Labor. She has received multiple awards for both her professional and her volunteer work.

### **From teenage demonstrator to Maryland State Senator – Gwendolyn T. Britt**

Senator Britt was born in Washington, DC in 1941 and grew up there. She started her life of activism in 1960 when she was still a teenager. Then Gwendolyn Greene, she was one of a group of Howard University students and other young people that demonstrated for the integration of Glen Echo Park. There she was arrested for the first time for merely entering the park. In her later years she commented that the experience changed her profoundly "I became determined to do what I could to make a person's life better."

The next year, her activism took a wider focus as she participated in the Freedom Rides. She was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi for sitting in a "white-only" train station waiting room, and was imprisoned for 40 days, ending at the notorious Parchman Penitentiary in the Mississippi Delta.

Returning to this area, she married Travis Britt, a fellow Freedom Rider, and had two sons. She held several jobs, with the phone company, as a real estate agent, and as a human resources and personnel manager before running for the Maryland State Senate, to represent Cheverly and neighboring communities in District 47. She is known for her leadership on legislation to restore voting rights to convicted felons after their release and to legalize same-sex marriage. She was noted for always putting people first and her courage and will to tackle discrimination and inequality wherever found.

She died suddenly of natural causes in 2008. The bridge for the railroad overpass adjacent to Peace Cross has been dedicated to Senator Gwendolyn Greene Britt.

There is more information about these three amazing women, with pictures and more, in the showcase cabinets at the Community Center during this month and there will be more stories about the Club in the newsletter throughout this year so stay tuned.

February Meeting – Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center

An upcoming open meeting, date TBD, will have Liz Tuckermanty talking about the history of Mount Hope where she and her family live. Watch for the announcement next month.

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## Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs **Feb 14, 2019** 8:00pm Town Meeting  
Mon Feb 18, 2019 President Day - Offices Closed  
Thurs **Feb 28, 2019** 7:30pm Worksession  
Thurs **Mar 14, 2019** 8:00pm Town Meeting  
Thurs **Mar 28, 2019** 7:30pm Worksession

### **CHEVERLY WEBSITE** [cheverly-md.gov](http://cheverly-md.gov)

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

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### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ Green Infrastructure Committee: Feb 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sweetheart Charity Ball: Feb 8, 7-11 p.m. at Fannon Hall
- ◆ Woman's Club: Feb 12, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Cheverly Garden Club: Feb 18,
- ◆ Coffee with the Chief: Feb 20, 8-10 a.m.
- ◆ Recreation Council: Feb 26, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Progressive Cheverly: Mar 7, 7:00 p.m.